



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: Module and Unified Network
Backplane Interface
for Local Networks

) Group Art Unit: 2181

) Examiner: Kim, Harold

) Reply To Office Action
) Of May 15, 2006

REPLY/AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant hereby responds to the Office Action of May 15, 2006, in the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one month extension of time, from August 15, 2006 to September 15, 2006, to file this response. A check in the amount \$120 is enclosed for the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge deposit account no. 502566 for any deficiencies or other fees required for this filing.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.